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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

[Docket No. OSHA-2007-0042]

TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc.: Grant of Renewal of Recognition

AGENCY: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), Labor.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In this notice, OSHA announces the final decision to grant renewal of recognition to TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUVRNA) as a Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory (NRTL).

DATES: The renewal of recognition becomes effective on **[INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information regarding this notice is available from the following sources:

Press inquiries: Contact Mr. Frank Meilinger, Director, OSHA Office of Communications, U.S. Department of Labor, telephone: (202) 693-1999; email: meilinger.francis2@dol.gov.

General and technical information: Contact Mr. Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Directorate of Technical Support and Emergency Management, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, phone: (202) 693-2110 or email: robinson.kevin@dol.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Notice of Final Decision

OSHA hereby gives notice that it is granting the renewal of recognition of TUV Rheinland of North America, Inc. (TUVRNA) as a NRTL under 29 CFR 1910.7.

OSHA recognition of a NRTL signifies that the organization meets the requirements in Section 1910.7 of Title 29, Code of Federal Regulations (29 CFR 1910.7).

Recognition is an acknowledgment that the organization can perform independent safety testing and certification of the specific products covered within the scope of recognition and is not a delegation or grant of government authority. As a result of recognition, employers may use products properly approved by the NRTL to meet OSHA standards that require testing and certification. OSHA maintains an informational webpage for each NRTL that details the scope of recognition available at

<http://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/index.html>.

OSHA processes applications submitted by an NRTL for renewal of recognition following requirements in Appendix A to 29 CFR 1910.7. OSHA conducts renewals in accordance with the procedures in 29 CFR 1910.7, App. A II.C. In accordance with these procedures, NRTLs submit a renewal request to OSHA between nine months and one year before the expiration date of the current recognition. A renewal request includes a request for renewal and any additional information demonstrating their continued compliance with the terms of the recognition and 29 CFR 1910.7. If OSHA has not conducted an on-site assessment of the NRTL headquarters and any key sites within the past 18 to 24 months, it will schedule the necessary on-site assessment prior to the expiration date of the NRTL's recognition. Upon review of the submitted material and, as necessary, the successful completion of the on-site assessment, OSHA announces the preliminary decision to grant or deny renewal in the *Federal Register* and solicits comments from the public. OSHA then publishes a final *Federal Register* notice responding to any comments and renewing the NRTL's recognition for a period of five years, or denying the renewal of recognition.

TUVRNA initially received OSHA recognition as a NRTL on August 16, 1995 (60 FR 42594). TUVRNA's most recent renewal was on July 30, 2014, for a five-year

period, expiring on July 30, 2019. TUVRNA submitted a timely request for renewal, dated August 16, 2018 (OSHA-2007-0042-0035), and retains its recognition pending OSHA's final decision in this renewal process. The current addresses of TUVRNA facilities recognized by OSHA and included as part of the renewal request are:

1. TUVRNA Newtown, 12 Commerce Road, Newtown, Connecticut 06470;
2. TUVRNA Pleasanton, 1279 Quarry Lane, Suite A, Pleasanton, California 94566;
3. TUV Rheinland LGA Products GmbH (Germany), Am Grauen Stein 29, Koln, NRW 51105 Germany;
4. TUV Rheinland Japan Ltd., Global Technology Assessment Center, 4-25-2 Kita-Yamata, Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa, 224-0021 Japan;
5. TUV Rheinland (Shenzhen) Co., Ltd., 1F East & 2-4F, Cybio Technology Building No. 1, No. 16, Keibei 2nd Road High-Tech Industrial Park North, Nanshan District, 518057 Shenzhen, China;
6. TUV Rheinland (Shanghai) Co. Ltd, TUV Rheinland Building No. 177, Lane 777, West Guangzhong Road Zhabei District, Shanghai 200072, P.R. China;
7. TUV Rheinland Taiwan Ltd., 11F, No. 758, Sec.4, Bade Road, Songshan District, Taipei City 105, Taiwan; and
8. TUV Rheinland Taiwan Ltd., Taichung Branch Office, No. 9, Lane 36, Minsheng Rod. Sec. 3, Daya District, Taichung City 428, Taiwan.

OSHA evaluated TUVRNA's application for renewal and made a preliminary determination that TUVRNA can continue to meet the requirements prescribed by 29 CFR 1910.7 for recognition.

OSHA published the preliminary notice announcing TUVRNA's renewal application in the *Federal Register* on July 13, 2020 (85 FR 42017). The agency requested comments by July 28, 2020, and received no comments in response to this notice. OSHA is now proceeding with this final notice to renew TUVRNA's NRTL recognition.

To obtain or review copies of all public documents pertaining to the TUVRNA's application, go to *www.regulations.gov* or contact the Docket Office, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-3655, Washington, DC 20210; telephone (202) 693-2350. Docket No. OSHA-2007-0042 contains all materials in the record concerning TUVRNA's NRTL recognition. **Please note:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Docket Office is closed to the public at this time but can be contacted at (202) 693-2350.

II. Final Decision and Order

OSHA hereby gives notice of the renewal of recognition of TUVRNA as a NRTL. OSHA examined TUVRNA renewal application and all pertinent information related to TUVRNA's request for renewal of NRTL recognition. Based on this review of the renewal request and other pertinent information, OSHA finds that TUVRNA meets the requirements of 29 CFR 1910.7 for renewal of recognition as a NRTL, subject to the specified limitation and conditions. OSHA limits the renewal of TUVRNA's recognition to include the terms and conditions of TUVRNA's recognition found in 60 FR 42594. The NRTL scope of recognition for TUVRNA is also available on the OSHA website at: *<https://www.osha.gov/dts/otpca/nrtl/tuv.html>*. This renewal extends TUVRNA's recognition as a NRTL for a period of five years from [INSERT DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

A. Conditions

In addition to those conditions already required by 29 CFR 1910.7, TUVRNA must abide by the following conditions of recognition:

1. TUVRNA must inform OSHA as soon as possible, in writing, of any change of ownership, facilities, or key personnel, and of any major change in their operations as a NRTL, and provide details of the change(s);

2. TUVRNA must meet all the terms of their recognition and comply with all OSHA policies pertaining to this recognition; and
3. TUVRNA must continue to meet the requirements for recognition, including all previously published conditions on TUVRNA's scope of recognition, in all areas for which it has recognition.

Pursuant to the authority in 29 CFR 1910.7, OSHA hereby renews the recognition of TUVRNA as a NRTL.

III. Authority and Signature

Amanda L. Edens, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210, authorized the preparation of this notice. Accordingly, the agency is issuing this notice pursuant to 29 U.S.C. 657(g)(2)), Secretary of Labor's Order No. 8-2020 (85 FR 58393, Sept. 18, 2020), and 29 CFR 1910.7.

Signed at Washington, DC, on March 1, 2021.

Amanda L. Edens,

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health.